

*Jerry Lewis*

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Dear Michael:

This letter has been overdue for sometime!  
I needed to let you know what a force you have been  
in our lives... spiritually, medically and emotion-  
ally!

Especially for me... for without you I would have  
been long gone, but beside the care and your undying  
concern for me you have illuminated my life by just  
knowing you. I can honestly say I am a better man  
because of my friendship with you.

I am more compassionate than I might have ever been,  
and my spirit and soul has been touched by you so  
many times. I need to just take care of the gifts  
you've bestowed upon me and mine. I pray every  
night for your well-being, and of course, Katrin  
and Olga, too.

I believe myself to have been blessed having you  
in my life and making it a life that is exceptional  
while trying to re-light the lamp of excellence.

I love you, Michael, and I am so proud to call you  
"my friend!"

I hope this finds you well and happy... I am,

Always,

*Sam*

P.S. Sam and Dani send their love to their hero!